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1. Superpower: One Man's Quest to Transform American Energy

By Russell Gold

Profiles Houston renewable energy entrepreneur Michael Skelly, who helped create the second largest wind energy company in the United States, and later founded Clean Line Energy Partners. Discusses the evolution of the wind energy industry, farmers embracing the new "cash crop," landowners fighting overhead wires, and utility executives seeking to block renewable energy development.

Simon & Schuster, 2019. 319 pages.

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2. Old and Sick in America: The Journey Through the Health Care System

By Muriel Gillick

Illustrates the older patient's experience with the United States' health care system through a series of case studies. Pairs vignettes with data and analysis that reveal influences on health care by pharmaceutical corporations, device manufacturers, health insurance companies, and other outside entities.

Reveals the shortcomings of health care for the elderly and suggests patient-centered reform.

University of North Carolina Press, 2017. 300 pages.

362.1084 G4140 2017

3. Analyses of Proposed Constitutional Amendments, 86th Regular Session, November 5, 2019, Election

By Texas Legislative Council

Reviews each of the 10 joint resolutions proposing amendments to the Texas Constitution that were enacted during the 86th Texas Legislature. Provides background information, detailed analysis, comments from both supporters and opponents, and the text of each joint resolution to assist voters during the November election.

Texas Legislative Council, 2019. 47 pages.

Online at: <https://tlc.texas.gov/docs/amendments/analyses19.pdf>

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4. Condensed Analyses of Proposed Constitutional Amendments, 86th Regular Session, November 5, 2019, Election

By Texas Legislative Council

Provides a one-page analysis for each proposed amendment to the Texas Constitution that will appear on the upcoming November election ballot. Includes a summary analysis, a summary of comments, and comments made by supporters and opponents during the legislative process.

Texas Legislative Council, 2019. 12 pages.

Online at:

https://tlc.texas.gov/docs/amendments/analyses19_condensed.pdf

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5. Building Bridges to Tomorrow: Summary of Enacted Legislation, 86th Legislature (2019)

By Texas Department of Transportation

Highlights key bills passed during the 86th legislative session that impact the state transportation system as well as daily operations of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Summarizes each bill and explains the impact on TxDOT. Includes a list of memorial highway designations and an index to bills included in compilation.

Texas Department of Transportation, 2019. 152 pages.

Online at:

<http://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot-info/sla/86th-legislative-summary.pdf>

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6. United States Life Tables, 2017

By Elizabeth Arias and Jiaquan Xu

Analyzes U.S. life expectancy and survivorship statistics by race, Hispanic origin, and sex, based on age-specific death rates in 2017.

National Center for Health Statistics, 2019. 65 pages.

Online at: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr68/nvsr68_07-508.pdf

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